

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
DECEMBER 18, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Somers, Everett, Moriarty
Alternates Present: Brady, Brewer
Absent: Sarasin, Kimenker
Staff: Quinn, Galetta

Commissioner Somers called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

MOTION: To nominate Somers as chairman pro tem

Motion made by Everett, seconded by Moriarty, so voted unanimously.

Somers sat Brady for Sarasin and Brewer for Kimenker. Brady read the Call of the Hearing.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

Motion made by Somers, seconded by Everett, so voted unanimously.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 12-51 – 192 Noank Road; Bryce Chamberlain & Claire Schwartz, owners/applicants;
Install chimney cap. PIN #261806391130

Bryce Chamberlain, owner of 192 Noank Road, presented to the Commission regarding the addition of a stainless steel chimney cap to an existing chimney. The cap is required for the installation of a wood stove. He reviewed a plot plan and photographic details of the proposed cap with the Commission. The Commission felt that the chimney is a fairly hidden view from the public way. Additionally, the Commission is mindful of the need for energy and fuel efficiency measures in the Historic District.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Plot plan
- Photographs
- Chimney cap detail

Somers asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 7:10 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 12-51 – 192 Noank Road

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Everett, seconded by Moriarty, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1876.

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Architect Peter Springsteel and applicant Joe Murgio appeared before the Commission regarding a home at 8 New London Road, which is owned by Barbara & Diane Murgio. The structure is a 1958 ranch-style house that the applicant is proposing to renovate. The plan is to take the building down to the first floor deck and rebuild it with the second floor emulating a Greek revival structure. The house will be extended approximately 8' with the new addition piece supported by piers. Azek will be used for the trim and HardiePlank for the siding. The windows will be two over two, double hung with simulated divided lites. The muntions will be adhered internally and externally. There will be a painted wood front door and field stone steps. The existing concrete foundation will be left as is for the time being. The east side elevation will have only two windows which the Commission felt reduced the look of a Greek revival. The applicant is trying to build in the Greek revival genre but doing some cost saving by leaving out some of the finer details. The Commission felt there should be enough details left in the plans to carry out the Greek revival look the applicant is striving for. The applicant stated that 90-degree lattice work will be used.

Craig Warren, of 89 High Street, appeared before the Commission to propose the replacement of roof shingles on his house. He is representing the estate of his mother, Anne Warren, which owns the property. Some of the existing Jett shingles need to be replaced because of storm damage and the applicant has decided to replace the entire roof. He is proposing a Timberline architectural-style shingle in the color weathered wood. Additionally, a torched-down membrane will be replaced on the bay window.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF December 4, 2012

MOTION: To approve the minutes of December 4, 2012

Motion made by Everett, seconded by Brady, so voted unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers

Staff noted that election of officers must be on the agenda for the first meeting of each calendar year; therefore, it was recommended this agenda item be tabled until the January meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

The Commission and staff discussed HDC applications for replacement of roof shingles. It was felt that these are usually fairly straightforward applications. In an effort to streamline the process, homeowners will be encouraged to go directly to a public hearing for this type of application.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. made by Everett, seconded by Brady, so voted unanimously.